

**REMARKS**

The Examiner rejected the claims as unpatentable over prior art noted in the present application in view of Thomas *et al.* '046. The Examiner's rejection of the claim is respectively traversed for the reasons set forth below.

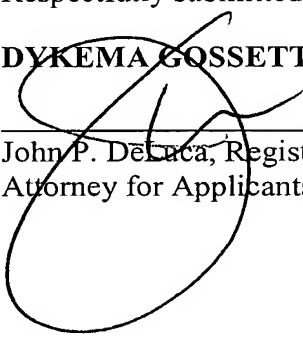
The present invention concerns a control system for a substation. Thomas teaches a wizard that automates the development of a panel display. Indeed, it may be known in the prior art to use a common bus for communication between a computer and plurality of intelligent devices. However, there is no known arrangement in the prior art, which employs a common bus for transferring signals and measurements between software modules, so that the substation has a real time access to the data transferred. An important feature of the present invention is that the control of the substation is monitored by real time information on measurements and conditions made available to all functions of the control system. This arrangement is not shown or suggested in the references noted by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider his rejection of the claims, the allowance which is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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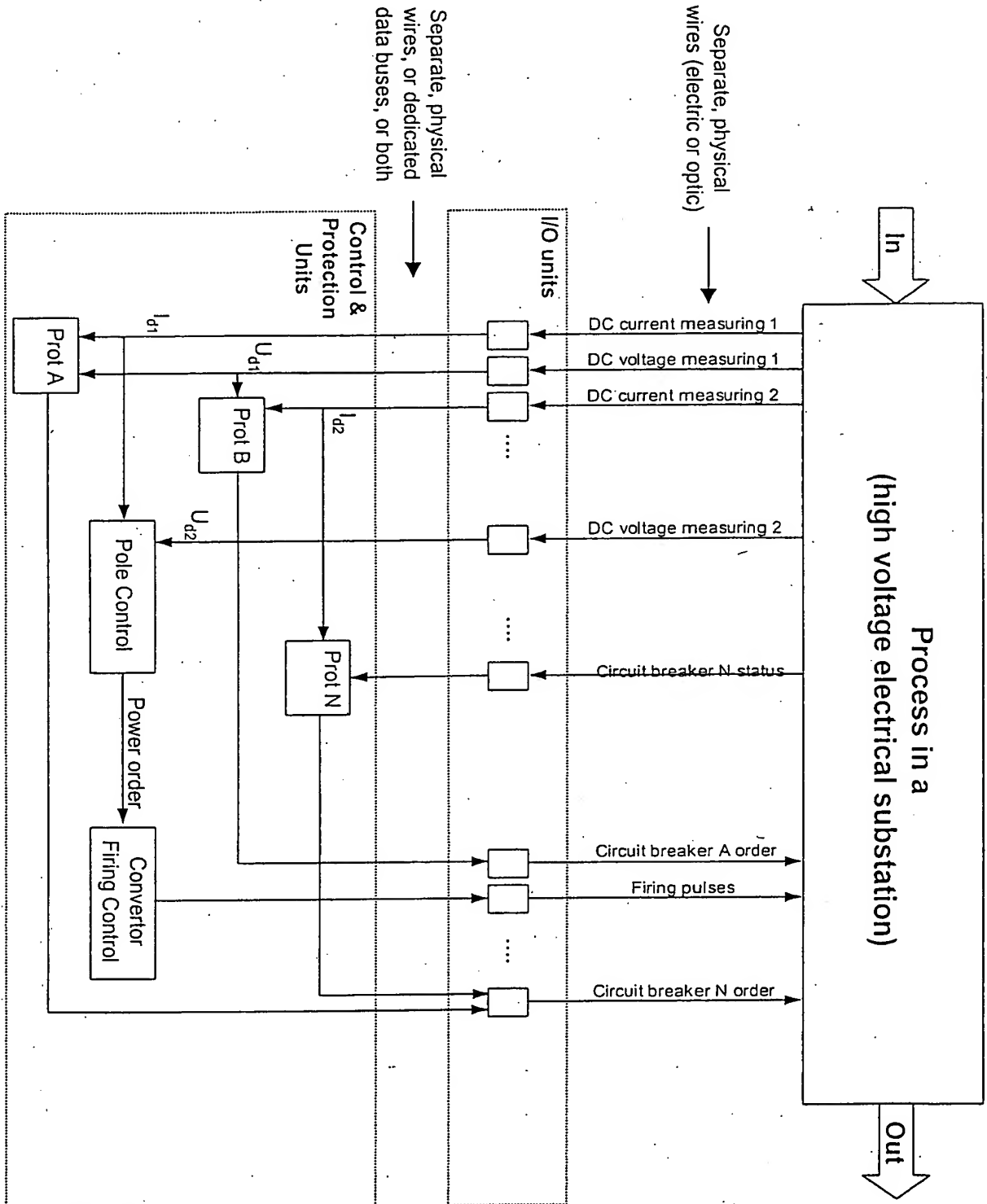


Figure 1

(PRIOR ART)